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- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. Japanese Patent Laid-Open Gazette No. 9-315801 (Reference No. 2) corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,165,633 already submitted with our March 5, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement.

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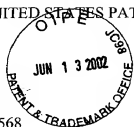
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